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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CODEL STRATTON

1. HAVE JUST RECEIVED TELECON FROM DOD LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICER COLONEL FRY, TO ADVISE THAT A DELEGATION OF APPROXIMATELY 25 MEMBERS FROM HOUSE ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE, HEADED BY CONGRESSMAN STRATTON, PLAN TO VISIT CAIRO FEB 7-10. SIMILAR GROUP UNDER CONGRESSMAN STRATTON WAS HERE IN NOV 1973, ON VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT.

2. WHILE I WELCOME CODEL STRATTON, I DISCOVER ON CHECKING THE PROPOSED DATES CONFLICT WITH IPU CODEL OF APPROXIMATELY 23 CONGRESSMEN (PLUS MILITARY ESCORTS) WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE HERE FEB 7-11. TRYING TO HANDLE TWO SUCH SIZABLE GROUPS WITH DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND REQUIREMENTS AT THE SAME TIME AND FINDING HOTEL ROOMS FOR THEM IN PRESENT TIGHT CAIRO HOTEL SITUATION IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. EGYPTIANS MAY ALSO BE EXPECTED BALK AT TWO SUCH LARGE GROUPS COMING SIMULTANEOUSLY

3. I WANT BOTH CODEL VISITS TO EGYPT TO BE A SUCCESS. SINCE IPU CODEL ALREADY SCHEDULED, REQUEST DEPT EXPLAIN SITUATION TO CONGRESSMAN STRATTON, AND SUGGEST HIS GROUP PLAN TO COME, SAY, FEB 12 IF THIS IS EQUALLY CONVENIENT.
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